

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
April 9, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Routson opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present: Dan Clark, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Anna Hale, Todd Hickman, Christina McElfresh, and Robert Routson

Staff members present: City Manager William J. Brock
Law Director K. Philip Callahan
Chief of Police Robert Buchanan
Director of Development Kevin Chesar
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: Michael Berns, Lenny Robinson, and Keith Burns.

Executive Session

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending or imminent court action; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Clark moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:53 p.m.

Mr. Clark moved to rescind and reconsider the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-06; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: five ayes; two nays (Hickman and McElfresh). Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-06; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: four ayes; three nays (Frentzel, Hickman, and McElfresh). Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to rescind and reconsider the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-07; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: five ayes; two nays (Hickman and McElfresh). Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-07; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: four ayes; three nays (Frentzel, Hickman, and McElfresh). Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Clark moved to approve the Council minutes of March 5 and March 26, 2019; Public Safety Committee minutes of March 12, 2019; Public Involvement Committee minutes of March 11, 2019; and Finance Committee minutes of March 26, 2019; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Lenny Robinson thanked all of Council and assured them that he will work hard to bring the best quality projects to Monroe.

Mike Berns thanked Council for their consideration and felt the decision will benefit the City of Monroe. He appreciates the opportunity to perform up to Council standards.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Resolution No. 16-2019. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with O’Heil Site Solutions as the lowest and/or best bidder for the I-75 Interchange grounds maintenance. (Second Reading)

In response to a question asked by Mr. Hickman as to the name of the previous contract, Mr. Brock advised it was Complete Lawn Care; however, we did get good recommendations from O’Heil Site Solutions who was the low bidder.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 16-2019 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 16-2019 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2019; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2019-11. An Ordinance repealing Emergency Ordinance No. 2002-28, and subsequent amendments thereto, and adoption Personnel Board Rules and Regulations as set forth herein. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock reported that this is the Personnel Board Rules and Regulations that require a couple of amendments as they conflicted with the Charter.

Mr. Clark moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Ordinance No. 2019-11 to remove 3.2 J and the second paragraph of 3.4 and insert a subsection 3.2 to read “To the extent these rules and regulations

conflict with the Charter, the Charter shall prevail;” seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance 2019-11 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2019-11 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-11 as amended; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution No. 17-2019. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposal from CT Consultants for professional engineering services for signal improvements to the intersection of American Way and State Route 63.

Mr. Brock reported that this is a result from additional design services and requirements by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 17-2019 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 17-2019 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 17-2019; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion to request a hearing for the application of a D2 Liquor Permit for Bora Bora Nail Salon & Spa LLC located at 1315 State Route 63.

Mr. Funk asked if this is fitting in the Entertainment District. Mr. Brock advised that it will take one of the 15 licenses in the Entertainment District, but Council really has no control over this as the State will issue the license. He noted this is the first license issued in the District.

No action was taken.

Consideration of Motion accepting the December 2018 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mr. Clark moved to accept the December 2018 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Chesar sought input from Council about the higher quality type of designs required for the front façade of the industrial buildings along the major thoroughfares. Mr. Hickman requested

that the requirements of the ordinance be followed and if they want something different they seek Council approval. Mr. Chesar stated that the Code does not allow for Council approval it is currently only Planning Commission's decision. Mr. Chesar asked Council as it makes it easier on staff when they meet the developers to let them know what the expectations are. Mr. Chesar encouraged Council to attend a Planning Commission to understand their process.

Mrs. McElfresh is in favor of adhering to the current regulations. Mr. Funk agreed; however, felt that it could be brought up in the development discussions so we do not miss out on a certain project.

Referring to the minutes that were not approved can the vote still be reconsidered for Ordinance No. 2019-06 and Ordinance No. 2019-07. Mr. Callahan advised that it could still be amended as the decision has not been journalized.

Adjournment

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the regular meeting of Council; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council